



GOD'S LOVE

WHEN I COME HOME AGAIN, MOTHER

(Dedicated to all mothers who have sons in the armed services.)

When I come back ag'in to you,
The lovely birds at home will sing,
The streets will be all gay with flags,
And every bell in town will ring.

When I come back again to you,
And greet you there with opened arms,
With tears of joy we'll praise our God
Who watched o'er me, kept me from harm.

Praise Him who stood the watch with me
In foxholes deep with slime and mud,
Who turned aside each shot and shell;
To Him who gave His very blood

And died with our sins on His head,
That we might be forever free.
Mother of mine, when I come home
This is my prayer, that I shall be:

A soldier of the King of kings,
That I who served my country well
Will better serve the Lord of hosts—
Make this a better place to dwell!

Should never I return to you,
But fall 'mid battle's raging storm,
Then I'll be waiting for you there,
With Jesus in that better home—

The home that Jesus built for me,
The Home not made by human hands;
No wars, no blood-stained battlefields,
No more to part in that fair land.

—PVT. TALMADGE McNABB.

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EPH. 2:20

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"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye
that hope in the Lord."—Psalm 31:24.

1 TIM. 3:15

July 22, 1944

NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

We are having good news from Buffalo, two saved, one sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost the first night of the revival. Pray that God will give us a good work here. We rejoice that God is illuminating the eyes and hearts of the people in New York, and it is our desire that the Church be well established here.—J. B. Camp, state overseer.

I would like to relate some good news to you. In the last evening meeting in the tent, two were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a wonderful meeting. Also, Brother Welch set a church in order in Hermiston, Ore., with sixteen members, of which eleven were new members; the other five were from Walla Walla. This beautiful parsonage (pictured below) was purchased for the sum of \$6,000. The house was completely furnished, even with a good washing machine, radio, vacuum cleaner, a large kitchen range that is wood, coal and gas combined, and a large furnace in the basement. There is a large living room, dining-room and five bedrooms, all furnished nicely. We certainly do appreciate this nice building and feel sure that it is another special favor

from the hand of our all-loving Savior, for we feel that His hand guided us in the purchase of this parsonage for the overseer of Washington and Oregon.—C. C. Rains, overseer.

We have started a revival in Abilene Tex., and prospects are very favorable. We are increasing in attendance and the Spirit of God is certainly dealing. The Service men's hearts are rejoicing because of the work that has started and they also appreciate God's marvelous blessings. Please pray that God will save many of these dear boys here.—B. E. Smith and W. L. Shires, pastors.

News to shout about. Greatest revival in five years at Plant City (Fla.) church. Evangelist Colon T. Dunn came a few days ago. Twenty-five saved, twenty sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost. Revival going on.—B. W. Watson, pastor.

Just closed great convention in Borger, Texas. High spiritual tide. Mission offering \$650. More than double that of last year.—T. W. Godwin, state overseer.

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If anyone has a son or friend who is at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and who is interested in the Church of God, please write me, sending his name and address. There is a little work being started here and we need their help and prayers.—Pvt. William F. Gillette, 34795708, Co. B., 53rd Bn. A. S. F. T. C., Camp Barkeley, Texas.

I will appreciate old Evangels, Lighted Pathways and tracts.—H. S. Boyette, 1309 Clay St., La Porte, Ind.

Good Revival

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We recently closed a good revival here at Chillicothe, Missouri, with Rev. E. O. Byington, pastor at North St. Joseph, Missouri, as evangelist. Brother Byington is a real man of God and his Spirit-filled messages were a great blessing to the church. There were several saved and we feel that much lasting good was accomplished. To God be the praise. Amen.—Earl T. Golden, pastor.

FINAL REMINDER

As heretofore announced in the Evangel, the books of the General Headquarters of the Church of God will close at noon July 31, 1944. All district convention mission offerings and state convention orphanage offerings should be sent in time to reach our office not later than the above date.

State convention mission offerings should be brought to the Assembly, as given in the 1943 Minutes, page 138, paragraph 12: "That all states bring the full amount of their state convention offering to the General Assembly to be added to the general mission offering there, excepting those states that are too small to be districted, which shall be permitted to keep 50% of their state convention mission offering for state mission work."

All monies intended for Publishing House account should be sent directly to the Church of God Publishing House.—E. J. BOEHMER, General Secretary and Treasurer.

The Water of the NEW BIRTH

D. C. Barnes

The last of a Three-Article Series on a Practical and Theological Interpretation of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus.

According to commitments made by me in the previous articles of this series, I am thereby obligated to state what I believe the word "water" to represent as used by Christ in His conversation with Nicodemus. John 3:1-13. This I will do in the third paragraph of this article.

After making my position known I shall endeavor to systematically prove it to be correct by presenting my proof in four separate, yet related steps. First, that the *Word of God* plays some sort of a part, whatever it may be, in the salvation of an individual. Second, that a person accepting Christ is begotten by the *Word of God*. Third, that the term "water" is used in Scripture with reference to a spiritual work by the *Word of God*. Fourth, that the Bible plainly declares that the *Word of God* is an agent in our new birth.

And so it is: **THE TERM "WATER" REFERS TO THE "WORD OF GOD."**

FIRST STEP

The first point for proof is *that the Word of God plays some sort of a part, whatever it may be, in the salvation of an individual*. To make this clear only two scriptures will be necessary.

"Now ye are *clean* through the *word* which I have spoken unto you," John 15:3. To be sure, there is something about the **WORD** which aids in the redemption of a soul through Christ. Of course, this verse doesn't prove that the term "water" refers to the "Word of God," but it does prove that the *Word* plays some sort of a part, whatever it may be, in the salvation of an individual. After all, *that is all I want it to prove*.

The next scripture is found in John 17:17: "Sanctify them through thy

truth: thy word is truth." In this passage Christ is praying to the Father and declares that the means by which His disciples were to be sanctified was the *Word of God* (thy word). Again it is clear that the *Word* plays some sort of a part, whatever it may be, in the salvation of an individual.

"But just a moment," says my critic, "the two scriptures quoted above don't say anything about being born again, but only about cleansing, etc.

I'll agree to the point you have made, but it still doesn't effect my argument one iota. All I am trying to prove now is that the "*Word of God*" plays some sort of a part, *whatever it may be*, in the salvation of an individual. If it *does* this, then my position is sustained as far as we have gone. Objections withdrawn? Fine, let's go to the second step.

SECOND STEP

The second point for proof is *that a person accepting Christ is "begotten" by the "Word of God."* Again, only two scriptures are necessary to make this clear.

"Of his own will *begat* he us with the *word of truth*, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures," James 1:18.

According to the pretext (V. 17), it is evident that the expression "his own will" refers to the "will of the Father." That is, we are *begotten of God* with the *Word of truth*, making it an undeniable fact that the **WORD OF GOD** is an agent in our spiritual birth. Surely there is no objection to be raised on this score.

The second scripture is located in 1 Cor. 4:15b: "For in Christ Jesus I have *begotten* you through the gospel." This quotation is just simply *too plain to explain*. It is a definite statement of fact and we seem to have no other choice than to agree that a person accepting Christ is begotten by the *Word of God*. After all, there is



no reason for violent resentment to such a position, is there? Suppose we go to the third step.

THIRD STEP

The third point for proof is *that the term "water" is used in scripture with reference to a spiritual work by the "Word of God."* Be sure to follow carefully that misunderstanding may be avoided.

Did not Christ say that His disciples were **CLEAN** through the *word* which He spoke unto them? John 15:3. Did He not ask the Father to **SANCTIFY** them through His truth, that is, His *Word*? John 17:17. Now, my friend, keeping the words "clean" and "sanctify" in your mind, along with the term "word", let's quote a passage from Eph. 5:26: "*That he might SANCTIFY and CLEANSE it with the washing of WATER by the WORD.*"

"THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD"

In no uncertain terms a mutual relationship exists between the "water" and the "word." The church is made clean and sanctified by the *Word of God* and the phrase used to denote this cleansing by the *Word* is "washing of **WATER**." Thus I believe that the term "water" is used in Scripture with reference to a spiritual work by the "Word of God."

While it is impossible for me to go into the problems of other passages on this same thought, I may suggest that the position herein taken offers a consistent interpretation of Heb. 10:22 and 1 John 5:8. Nevertheless, we must get along with the present discussion, so we now go to the most decisive

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Roosevelt's New Democrats

Bible News Flashes states that there are 2,850 Communists in key positions in our government.

Divorces Increase in Canada

Divorces, according to RNS, are twenty times as many as they were in 1918 in Canada. In 1913 there were fifty-nine divorces in Canada. There were 2,461 in 1941.

No More Bibles in U. S., Quislings Say

Quisling church authorities in Norway are spreading a report that "printing of the Bible in the U. S. has been stopped," because of war rationing. This is but another evidence that the present German Government is anti-Christian.

Fountain of Blood

The "Fountain of Blood" flowing from a grotto near La Virtud, Honduras, is one of the world's strangest sights. The liquid, which coagulates and has the appearance of real blood, obtains its color and consistency from a microscopic organism that dies in it. We praise God that there is a fountain of blood that revives and washes white like snow. Rev. 1:5. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Heb. 9:22.

Devotional Services at Ford Plant

Weekly devotional services are now held in five of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plants, as a result of a Thanksgiving Day program arranged by three employees three years ago. Lee Cecil, William Mueller and David Martin were encouraged to the extent they now have a permanent religious program held every Friday at 7 A. M. attended by the night workers as they leave and for day workers entering the plant.

Remember Lot's Wife

Our Lord singled her out as a warning to Christians of the New Testament dispensation. Who was she? What did she do? She was a woman like many of the Twentieth Century professors of religion. But her heart was so set upon the evils of Sodom and Gomorrah that she couldn't re-

frain from "just taking one more look" and she then turned to a "pillar of salt" as the example of all who are unfaithful to the truth of the gospel. All this show of worldliness many professed saints put on is not very far from the pattern followed by Mrs. Lot. Luke 17:32. Our Lord was giving a warning with respect to readiness for His coming. Have you looked back? Have you left "thy first love"? Rev. 2:4.

The Greater Love

The undying sacrifice of men who go into battle at the cost of their lives, to save others from bondage and hardship; to liberate those who are downtrodden as our armed men are now doing, is staggering to the imagination. It was our Lord who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends," John 15:13. The sacrifices of our men in war is the most like it. We were maliciously attacked, when we had no designs against other nations. Our rights, our liberties, and our freedom were all threatened.

While America Slept

James Fleming, news commentator, wrote on "While America Slept" with respect to foreign influences planning against our liberties and rights preparatory to war. George Washington Robnett, Executive Secretary of Church League of America, wrote in his book "Can We Preserve Our American System" relative to the now jeopardized religious liberties that are being daily undermined. This book details persons, methods, and results of anti-Christian workers. It is alarming. 102 pages. Regular price 75c, special for thirty days at 50c.

Conscientious Objectors' Roll

The following list given by *The Reporter* relative to Conscientious Objectors may be of interest. Let it be remembered that these mentioned in numbers are those who, despite the finger of scorn, have dared to stand loyal to Christ and their convictions. It is not now nor will it ever be an easy task to take such a stand. These men are the emblems of free Ameri-

cans.

Only those denominations having ten or more men in CPS are included in this list:

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On May 1, 1944, Selective Service figures for members of the historic peace churches were:

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An Exposition

On 1 Peter 3:18-20

BILLY MYERS

"For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which (that is, by the Spirit) also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which were sometime disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

The Vulgar Latin translation and the popish expositors would have us understand from the above scripture that Christ went during the three days His body lay entombed and preached to the disobedient and disembodied spirits who were locked up in hell; thus extending the message of salvation to those who had died in sin.

Does this interpretation conform to the general teaching of the Bible? It does not. In fact, it aims a deathstroke at the Bible doctrine of eternal punishment, and conflicts with the Bible teachings that this life only is man's preparatory state.

However, the popish expositors are not the only ones who propose this theory of 1 Peter 3:18-20. There are those of the Protestant connection also that believe that Christ preached to lost spirits in the prison of hell during His entombment. For what purpose He preached, or what He preached, they are slow to say, and don't seem to be quite clear. Whatever the designs of these certain expositors are, whether they be innocently unlearned, or trying to make a fair show in the flesh by proposing some mysterious idea, or trying to propose a false doctrine, we are sure they are watering the poison seed of the popish expositors, and drilling a door through which false doctrines may creep in. "Farfetched, and enlarged theories is the gateway to false doctrines."

We have no sympathy for any doctrine that cannot be well verified by the general teachings of the Bible, and every interpretation should be rejected unless the context of the well-known laws of language can

prove it. This is known as the "law of literal interpretation," and is accepted and followed by all great expositors and commentators of the Bible. All other methods of interpretation give rise to as many different theories as there are different fancies of different writers and artists.

We cannot, therefore, consistently approve of the idea that Christ preached to disobedient spirits in the prison of hell during His entombment, and by simple analysis of 1 Peter 3:18-20 we wish to refute it as fanciful and false.

The true explication seems to be on this way: "By the Holy Spirit Christ preached to the old world while the ark was being constructed." The lost of Noah's day are called spirits in prison. Man is often called a spirit. He is a spiritual being dwelling in an earthly house, the body 2 Cor. 5:6-8. Sin is often called a prison, as in Isaiah 42:7, where the Father addresses the Son, saying, "I have called thee in righteousness . . . to open the blind eyes, and to bring out the prisoners from the PRISON, and them that sit in darkness out of the PRISON HOUSE." The prison house could be nothing here but a state of bondage to sin. Christ was put to death in the flesh, but raised in the Spirit: by which (that is, by the Spirit) also He went and preached (through Noah and Enoch) to those who were prisoners to sin while the ark was being prepared.

See here, the difference is when He preached, and by what medium. It wasn't a personal Christ preaching, it was Christ preaching by the Spirit. And when did He preach? In the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing. Christ was resurrected by the Holy Spirit, and it was by this same powerful Spirit that He strove with the old world, Gen. 6:2. The apostle tells us HOW He preached, that is, by the Spirit; and WHEN He preached, that is, when the ark was being prepared, not during His entombment.

Who preached? Christ preached.
By what agency? By the Spirit.
Through what medium? Enoch and

Noah.

To whom? Prisoners of sin.

Where? In the old world.

When? While the ark was being constructed.

How many were saved? Eight souls.

How many were lost? Every one that rejected the preaching.

Let us read Moffat's translation of the text. "Christ himself died for sins, once for all, a just man for unjust men, that he might bring us near to God; in the flesh he was put to death, but he came to life in the Spirit. (It was in the Spirit that Enoch also went and preached to the imprisoned spirits who had disobeyed at the time when God's patience held out during the construction of the ark in the days of Noah)."

But someone will then ask, "But why does the apostle pass so quickly from Christ back to the example of the old world?" The question is very significant, and deserves a consistent answer. The answer is this: The Apostle is writing to a suffering and persecuted people, a people who were being scorned, scourged, and mocked by the unbelieving Jews. Peter aims at comforting them by giving them an example of the suffering of Christ. He exhorts the suffering Christians to patience, and reminds them that the judgments of God upon those unbelieving Jews were now at hand. "The time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God." In this he refers to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. He further states that the righteous would barely escape this ruin, as the Lord had foretold, "they must flee into the mountains." Now the Apostle passes from the example of Christ to that of the old world, and sets before the persecuted Christians an example of the wrath of God upon those who rejected the preaching of Christ in Noah's day.

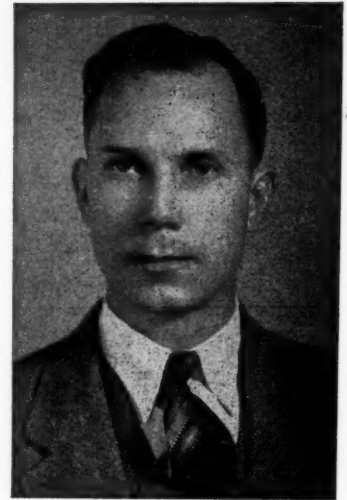
He here intimates to the Jews that they were under a sentence similar to the old world, and that God would not wait much longer on them; that they had now an offer of mercy as the old world had in Noah's day, and that every one that accepted it may be saved; but those who rejected it should be as certainly destroyed as those who rejected it in the days of Noah.

In this the Apostle warns the righteous to be very patient in their sufferings, for the great judgment of the Jews was now at hand, and to escape that would require a great deal of

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A Bird's-Eye View of Hell

By Clyde C. Cox



Text: "Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. As for me I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me," *Psa. 55:15, 16.*

INTRODUCTION: The word "hell," as emphasized by the Scripture, carries with it a fear of punishment and eternal fire for the wicked. Discussions and Biblical debates have been held by skeptical-minded men pro and con on the subject. Nevertheless, the Scripture standeth sure. In this article we want you to see a real hell with a Bible setting, facts that cannot fail—a hell that has fire, punishment that will last forever, torment with a flame, and destruction in its most spontaneous combustion.

WHAT IS HELL?

This question many do not care to understand; men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. However, we must face the facts. There is an existing, eternal hell, a burning place of torment. What is hell? "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed into **EVERLASTING FIRE**, prepared for the devil and his angels," *Matt. 25:41*. Without contradiction hell is an everlasting fire, a place where wicked men are tormented in a furnace of fire. "And in hell he lift up his eyes (a bird's-eye view) being in **TORMENTS**, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom," *Luke 16:23*. The rich man's reply was, "For I am tormented in this **FLAME**," *Verse 24*. And again, it is referred to as **HELL FIRE**, or hell burning with fire. *Matt. 18:9*.

A PREPARED PLACE

If hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, it is a written fact that hell has not always existed. The devil was one time perfect in his ways.

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created till iniquity was found in thee," *Ezek. 28:15*. Also an angel, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth," *Verse 14*. Jesus saw him falling from heaven, *Luke 10:18*; *Isa. 14:12*. Since the devil was not a devil in the beginning, it is a fact that there was no hell. After his fall, hell was prepared for him and his angels. The thought of angels going to a devil's hell should bring a fear upon us lest we also fail the grace of God. You mean angels have sinned and been cast into hell? "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment," *2 Peter 2:4*; *Jude 6*. If God spared not the angels, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," *Heb. 2:3*. Some say we are neither angels nor the devil, and hell was prepared for them and not me. That was true, but since "he that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning" (in the beginning), *1 John 3:8*, it is now a prepared place for the devil, his angels, and for all who sin.

WHERE IS HELL?

What is hell is not so much the concern of some, but where it is. Some say it is on the earth, others say that the grave is hell. We haven't had a good clear bird's-eye view as David, but we understand its location from the Scripture. David came so near that he could see floods of ungodly men. *2 Sam. 22:5, 6*. The rich man had a grandstand seat and looking out from hell he saw Abraham and Lazarus in paradise. However, from the Scripture we learn this, "Hell from **BENEATH** is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming," *Isa. 14:9*. "The way of life is

ABOVE to the wise, that he may depart from **HELL BENEATH**," *Prov. 15:24*. "Though they dig into hell, thence shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down," *Amos 9:2*. When one digs he goes down. Hell surely must be somewhere **BENEATH**. Beneath means below, a lower place. "For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains," *Deut. 32:22*.

CONSTRUCTION OF HELL

It may not be where it is that concerns you but what it looks like, how it is constructed. God has a bird's-eye view at all times. "Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering," *Job 26:6*. We learn that hell has no top, stands open before God, an open pit of fire. Though millions have gone into its flame, it is never full. "Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied," *Prov. 27:20*. Hell was constructed that it may be enlarged as other wicked souls come into its torment, "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure," *Isa. 5:14*.

When men cease to go there it will cease to expand. It was framed to take care of only those that do despite to the spirit of grace. Hell is naked, has no covering, enlarges and expands and has walls to it. "Yet thou shalt be brought **DOWN** to hell, to the **SIDES** of the pit," *Isa. 14:15*. One view of those black walls of an eternal hell will convince all men of a place of punishment for the wicked. It also

has a broad road leading to its sufferings. "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction," Matt. 7:13. And at the end of the broad road there stand the GATES of HELL. "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the GATES of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:18. If it has gates then there must be keys to the gates, and who has them? It is a written fact that the devil does not have them, but Christ does. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the KEYS of HELL and of death," Rev. 1:18. What are the gates for? "The wicked shall be TURNED into hell, and all nations that forget God," Psalms 9:17. God's people will be privileged to look upon the "twelve gates of pearls," Rev. 21:21. It has no top but how about a bottom? "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the KEY of the BOTTOMLESS pit," Rev. 20:1. It has no bottom, wicked souls have never reached the bottom of that awful place of punishment.

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"And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit," Rev. 9:2. When the angel opened the pit by means of the KEYS, we learned that there is fire in hell. Hell contains PAINS, SORROW, and TROUBLE. "The SORROWS of hell compassed me, and the PAINS of hell get hold upon me: I found TROUBLE and SORROW," Psalms 16:3. Many have committed suicide in order to free themselves from trouble and pain of this life, but how about the eternal sorrow and pains that will take hold of you in hell? Nothing shall escape the destruction of God upon this wicked world. In hell "there shall be WAILING and GNASHING of teeth," Matt. 13:50. Pain will cause men to do this: "And they gnawed their tongues for PAIN," Rev. 16:10. Hell contains men praying and begging for water to cool their tongues. Luke 16:24-27. And it has many of these, too: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and ALL LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and with brimstone: which is the second death," Rev. 21:8.

HELL AND LAKE OF FIRE

Hell will be no longer as a separate

place of punishment for the wicked after the white throne judgment. At this judgment "death and hell will deliver up the dead," Rev. 20:13. Death kills the body and hell holds the soul in its punishment until the judgment. Read 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. At the judgment "death and hell will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone," Rev. 20:14. We understand by the Scripture that the lake of fire has existed at least one thousand years prior to the time of the judgment, Rev. 19:20; 20:10, and at the same time hell has held the souls of men until the judgment and henceforth the lake of fire holds hell and all wicked souls for ever.

AFTER DEATH?

After death is the judgment. Heb. 9:27, not the final judgment but the hour of separation of the soul and body, the judgment of the great gulf. The righteous enter into the paradise of God and the wicked lift their eyes in hell. Luke 16:26. Hell and death travel together, "And I looked and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was DEATH, and HELL followed with him," Rev. 6:8. Death killed with the sword and with hunger; yes, death killed the bodies and hell received the wicked souls. How about the righteous souls that were killed? Their souls were under the altar of God, having rest, and wearing white robes. Rev. 6:9, 11. "Fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him that is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Matt. 10:28. If it had not been for David's prayer that stayed the sting of death, he would have gone to hell. Death and hell had compassed him about and he said, "death prevented me." 2 Sam. 22:5-8. The rich man died and to hell he went. Lazarus died and into paradise he landed, having comfort. This took place just after death. "Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death," Prov. 7:27. "Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell," Prov. 5:5.

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

"Where their worm dieth not," Mark 9:44. Some say where the WARM, heat dieth not. This is where the soul of man never dies. "How much less man, that is a WORM? and the son of man that is a WORM?" Job 25:6. David said, "But I am a worm and no man," Psalms 22:6. The reference on WORM, Mark 9:38, refers you to Luke 16:22-26, that the rich man lifted up his eyes in HELL.

Yes, we believe in everlasting punishment. "And these shall go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: but the righteous into LIFE ETERNAL," Matt. 25:46. "The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with devouring fire? who among us shall DWELL with EVERLASTING BURNINGS?" Isaiah 33:14. Yes, they shall DWELL, which Webster says means to reside for a length of time; continue; have a fixed abode; to inhabit. And these shall continue in EVERLASTING BURNINGS. No liberation nor annihilation! Men that died hundreds of years ago are yet suffering in eternal fire. "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manners, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, SUFFERING the vengeance of ETERNAL FIRE." Jude 7. The beast and false prophet were cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 19:20, and one thousand years later were still in there. "The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, WHERE THE BEAST AND FALSE PROPHET ARE, and shall be tormented day and night (no letup) for ever and ever" (no end), Rev. 20:10.

CONCLUSION: It is a foregone conclusion and a definite proven fact, that there is an eternal hell for the wicked.

Best Revival Cedartown, Ga., Has Ever Experienced

CEDARTOWN, Ga.—Brother A. G. Kennington, of Bemis, Tenn., came here May 7 and started a revival that was to be the best revival the church here has ever experienced. The Holy Ghost was with us in a great way; some nights He came down and took the service, for which we praise God! Well, it was just an old-time, Holy Ghost revival, with old-time conviction melting sinners' hearts, with the altars filled and souls getting blessed each night.

Brother Kennington is a good preacher and wonderful worker for God. We closed our revival May 28 with a goodly number in the altar.

The results of the three weeks' meeting were: Twenty converted, sixteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, and fifteen added to the church.—Clyde N. Bolt, pastor, 301 Gibson St.

Broken Cisterns

CLEMMIA PEEBLER

"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that hold no waters," Jer. 2:13.

Here we have the complaint of the Lord God Jehovah concerning His people, a nation whom He had raised up from all the nations of His creation. He had reared, nurtured, and cared for them from Abraham until now, even when they were in Egyptian bondage, or slavery, and in abounding mercy He had brought them out to be a royal nation.

But now, through the mouth of the prophet we hear, "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns." As we read this, we are made to think of the wonderful springs or fountains among the lovely Ozark Hills. They gush forth from the base of some mossy, fern-covered ledge and sparkle down the hill while honeysuckle, wild rose bush, and grapevine clamber over the hillsides, and the beautiful dogwoods blossom on the hills in the springtime. Yet, when the highway came along the top of the ridge, many folks left their lovely woodsy locations, and moved their abodes out on the ridge, where the world with its attractions, or distractions, whirls along the winding highway. Oh yes, they hewed them out cisterns; some hold water and some don't; some of the folks have to hitch old Dobbin to the sled and drag some water from the spring in an old wooden barrel.

Now to return to the text, "They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters." Again, "They have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters," Jer. 17:13. Glorious fountain from whence flows all goodness, all holiness, all the riches of grace, by

which we are redeemed and raised up from Egyptian darkness, and cleansed, purified, and sanctified by the blood of the Lamb, and made one of His own elect.

Fountain of life, springing forth from the very throne of God! Thy banks are filled with the water of life, "that whosoever drinketh thereof, shall never thirst, and it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Pure white lilies of purity, and roses of Sharon, beauty unspeakable, bloometh abundantly. Our souls are lifted up until our eyes view with rapture "the hills from whence cometh our help; our help cometh from the Lord." Praise His holy name!

"And hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns." Oh, those man-made cisterns! They are nearly always impure, and constantly have to be emptied, scrubbed, and scoured to keep them from breeding disease and sickness. Sometimes when we draw water from them, we find a big green frog or loathsome snake. This teaches us that we should never get our eyes set on any one, whether pastor, deacon, or laymember, for they might turn out to be a frog or snake. Jesus is the One, the only One.

"The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, . . . as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God," Gal. 5:19-21.

Why is adultery mentioned first? Because it is such a prevailing evil; the fact is, it is one of the gross sins of the nation.

I am so glad the Church of God takes a stand against adultery to the extent of keeping its ministry free from it. Amen.

A Sailor's Narrow Escape

Tom Dawson tells this story of his narrow escape:

"Our vessel was on a African river, and I had been drinking. While half intoxicated I went for a swim, without thinking of the dangers to which

I was exposed.

"As I was swimming some distance from the ship, an alligator made after me. Some of the crew saw the fix I was in and fired at the formidable creature, but without effect. It was

getting near me, and with all my might I made for the shore. I was thoroughly sobered by my dangerous position.

"When within a short distance from some canes and shrubs which covered the bank, a furious tiger sprang at me, the alligator being close behind me, his jaws wide open to devour me.

"Death stared me in the face, and the sins of a lifetime appeared in an instant before me, like an immense mountain. With my sins came a recollection of my mother's prayers, my father's instruction, and my Sunday School teacher's earnest entreaties, all of which had been despised. In a moment my life came in review, and in sheer desperation I cried, 'God be merciful to me a sinner!'

"That prayer was answered in a marvelous way, and my life was preserved. The eager tiger overleaped me, and encountered the monster at my heels. A fight took place, and the water was colored with the blood of the tiger, whose efforts to tear the scaly covering of the alligator were unavailing, while the latter had the advantage of keeping his adversary under the water, which soon effected his death. They both sank to the bottom.

"Some of my mates had watched the scene with deep anxiety, and when they saw that I was safe they rowed to me and conveyed me on board. As soon as I reached the deck I fell on my knees and thanked God for His merciful interposition.

"The Bible which lay at the bottom of my trunk I got out, and since then it has been my constant companion; and as I read the sacred pages the Spirit of God enlightened me. I saw the wickedness of my heart, and, confessing my sins to God who had delivered me, I found peace with Him through the sacrifice of His Son. And from that time I love to sing the hymn which was my father's favorite—

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stain."

—Publisher Unknown.

If we are seeking a closer walk with God we should make every step we know to make that would take us nearer Him and should cease to do anything that would hinder us from making that step.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My mother to be healed; three nephews in Service; the complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Phil. E. Stephenson, Box 499, Navy Yard 6, S. C.

Me to be completely healed of head trouble, something like high blood pressure, stomach trouble and bad nerves.—Mrs. Vesta Anderson, Rt. 5, Box 22, Sulphur Springs, Tex.

My son in Service who is a bombardier and is soon to go overseas.—Mrs. N. Basco, Jena, La.

My son in the Service; God to save and heal my brother, Add Poff, Worthington, Ky.—Minnie Damron, East Bank, W. Va.

My sister, Mrs. Jessie Harding, 408 Morningside Dr., Apt. 1, Marietta, Ga., to be healed of nervousness and other troubles.—Mrs. C. G. Cross, Rt. 2, Douglasville, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am sick in bed and suffering great pain, but I want to trust Him to heal my body without an operation. The doctors say they have done all they can for me.—Sister Mary L. Green, Rt. 2, Box 52, Farmville, Va.

A friend to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Imogene Black, Box 145, Blue Mountain, Ala.

The Lord to completely heal my husband; his mother, my children and me; the healing of Sister Widner's leg.—Mrs. C. B. Clark, Abingdon, Va.

My health; my son in the Navy.—Mrs. A. M. Brewer, Dexter, Mo.

Me to be healed of a stomach trouble.—Mrs. B. S. Scrivner, Shaw, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of a cancer on my face, it has just started.—H. B. Welborn, Double Spring, Ala.

The healing of my body of asthma.—Mrs. W. D. Arrington, Rt. 5, Box 662, Phoenix, Ariz.

The healing of my little daughter's body, the doctor says I may have to take her to the hospital; my three

sons in Service, two of whom are overseas.—Mrs. C. W. Garretson, Stephenson, W. Va.

My mother and dad.—Mrs. E. N. A., Georgia.

God to undertake for a brother.—Sister G. M. Goff, Gasparilla, Fla.

My husband; my two brothers in the Service; my father.—Mrs. Sudie Lawrence, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

My son in the Navy who is sick.—Mrs. S. E. Blade, 210 3rd Ave., Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of an affliction, I know He can do the work.—Herman Clark, Jr., 38 Peachtree St., Woodruff, S. C.

Me to be healed body and soul.—Isabel Douglas, DeSoto, Mo.

My sister to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Lena Bullock, Modesto, Calif.

My child who has the whooping cough; my husband.—Mrs. Robert Adair, Box 246, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Ala.

The healing of my body; a friend who is sick.—Mrs T. O. Dennis, Rt. 2, Crewe, Va.

Me to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Bettie Isaac, Alto Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

My daughter who has something wrong with her mind.—Mrs. Galloway, 2114 Glass St., E. Chattanooga, Tenn.

The healing of my body, my health is very poor.—Mrs. W. F. Hudson, Box 25, Hudson, Fla.

My healing, I am very weak and have bad feet; my daughter who is going to the hospital, to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Monnie Aultman, 34 Bayne St., Orangeburg, S. C.

The healing of my mother's body.—Alean Sizemore, Rt. 2, Box 26, Brodhead, Ky.

The healing of my body, I am in a serious condition.—H. A. Powell, 215 Clay St., Marietta, Ga.

A brother who has heart trouble and a nervous breakdown; my arm and hand to be healed; my daughter to be

healed of eczema or tetter.—Mrs. Minnie Meeks, 131 Aycock St., Carrollton, Ga.

Me to be saved and healed of T. B.; my two children who have T. B.—Mrs. Lydia Hicks, Lynch, Ky.

My wife to be healed of a serious ailment.—R. A. Johnson, Rt. 3, Box 25, Quincy, Fla.

My mother who broke her arm; God to undertake for me and my friend that we will be able to go out and work for Him.—Howard Collier, 2122 Vanderbilt Road, Birmingham, Ala.

God Is Blessing Our Y.P.E.

SUCHES, Ga. — I want to offer a word of praise to our young people here in the mountains of north Georgia. We have a wonderful Y. P. E. and I give all the praise to our Lord. The young people seem so anxious to do something for God, yet they hardly know how to go about it. They need your prayers. A project was started last Sunday night at Y. P. E. service to obtain money to paint the inside of our church. We now have in the treasury \$14 toward this purpose. The Y. P. E. members have agreed to paint the church themselves. I thank God for them. It seems that now as never before there is a greater need for young people in God's vineyard. It is tragic to think that so many of our youth do not realize the great responsibility that rests upon them as builders of tomorrow. Let us awake to the fact that there is work to do for our Master. God is never going to bring our nation out of this awful turmoil unless there is more serious thinking on our part and more earnest prayers sent up in behalf of our land.

A revival has been dated to start in the near future here at Suches and I urge all of you who know the true worth of prayer to please help us pray that God will send a soul-stirring revival to this place. The small number of members are willing to sacrifice that the work might be built up. Please do not fail to help us pray for this purpose. We know that through prayer great things are accomplished.—Roberta Tritt, president of Y. P. E.

Willing To Pray

Mrs. Lydia Brock, Box 1451, Toledo, Ohio, is willing to pray over your urgent problems such as sickness, sorrow or troubles of any kind. Those who are interested may write her your request.

Reports from the Field

Big Spring, Tex., Convention

The Big Spring, Tex., convention, which convened at Lamesa, Texas, is now in the past, but will long be remembered by many. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. There was good singing, good preaching, and old-time shouting. Visiting preachers from other districts were: Rev. J. C. Atkins, Rev. W. M. Ford, Rev. George Anthony, Rev. I. C. Jull.

Our state overseer was not with us Friday night on account of car trouble so Rev. E. M. Smith opened the convention. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Rev. L. R. Winnegar; response by Rev. J. W. Truett, of Sweetwater, after which Rev. W. E. Rampey, of Odessa, brought a wonderful message.

Saturday morning Rev. J. W. Truett was the main speaker and brought a wonderful message. Prayer was had for the men in Armed Forces. Saturday evening Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, arrived and was in charge of the service. Rev. N. L. Suitor brought a message and the altar was filled, several praying through.

Sunday morning all were back at the house of God for another feast. Everyone was uplifted and more determined to stay in the fight till the victory is won. The mission offering was \$350. After a dedication of infants, the convention closed with handshakes and good-byes. Everyone left feeling the convention had been a great success. I am sure the people of Lamesa will be wanting the convention here again.—Mary Lou Winnegar, Lamesa, Texas.

Lubbock, Tex., District Convention

The Lubbock, Tex., district convention was officially opened Friday night, June 23, by Brother T. W. Godwin, our state overseer. The power of God came down and was in our midst throughout the convention. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and receive a blessing from it. Many visitors and special singers were present, which added wonderfully to the convention. Brother O. M. Hume, pastor at Slaton, Tex., delivered a soul-inspiring message.

Saturday morning Brother Mathers, pastor at Post, Tex., made a wonderful talk, and Brother T. W. Godwin followed with a soul-inspiring message. Brother Mosley, of Lamesa, de-

livered an interesting message in the afternoon. That night a love offering was taken for Brother Godwin which did not begin to show our love and appreciation to him. A message by a visiting preacher, Brother Statum, of Borger, followed the offering. Truly it was food to our souls. God came down in our midst and blessed us.

Sunday morning Brother C. R. Thomison, our pastor and district pastor, read the report of the churches. Then Brother Godwin delivered the final message. He told us many things that blessed our hearts and were worthy of remembrance. After that a mission offering was taken, which amounted to \$430.57. This wonderful convention came to a close at noon.—Robbie Nell Pyeatt, 711 5th St., Lubbock, Tex.

Lake Region Convention a Great Success

The Minnesota-Wisconsin convention and prayer conference convened in the newly acquired church in Minneapolis, Minn., May 18-21. Brother J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa, was the prayer conference speaker and Brother R. P. Johnson was the convention speaker. The services were well attended throughout and the power of God was unexcelled.

At the convention last year we had only one church in the State of Wisconsin, but this year we had four churches and two missions. We also have four churches and one mission in Minnesota and good prospects of another soon. The convention not only doubled in attendance, but it doubled in spirituality, as well as finance. The orphanage offering was three times that of last year and the mission offering was one-half again as much as it was last year.

The prestige the Church has gained this past year has been most amazing. The officials in several of the towns have expressed their desire for the Church to stay in their town. We have an invitation to come to a town of 8,000 population and start a work. This we plan to do as soon as we find some good workers to put there. If you have a desire to work where holiness is new and feel God calling you to pioneer work, get a recommendation from your state overseer and contact me before the

Assembly, if possible, and we will arrange for you to come. There's not much room for big preachers up here but there's plenty of room for good spiritual, consecrated workers. God has never let one of His servants starve in His vineyard yet and He never will.—Lemuel Johnson, overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin, 2624 Oakland Avenue, Minneapolis 7, Minnesota.

We Are on the Upward Move

MONROE, Mich.—We, the Church of God at Monroe, Michigan, are praising God for sending Brother and Sister Sam W. Edmunds to minister to us this year. (Reported in March.) We, as a group of five active members, have held on to God through adverse circumstances for over a year, knowing that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." Since Brother and Sister Edmunds came here, our active membership has doubled; we now have ten. Praise God! We have also moved into a much nicer building with a four-room parsonage upstairs that has been completely furnished by our L. W. W. B. The Willing Workers had been inactive for more than a year before Brother and Sister Edmunds came here.

Our Y. P. E. has been organized and is on the upward move for the Lord, and our Sunday School has more than doubled in attendance.

The Sunday night services have been outstanding for sometime now. Each week more and more people come out to hear the old-time gospel. The last few Sunday night services have been completely taken over by the blessed Holy Ghost. Saints and sinners say they have never witnessed such outpourings of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost has been so prevalent that at times we have actually felt like we were standing on holy ground. Souls are truly hungry for the Lord. Please pray with us that we may see the salvation of many and that this year the Church of God at Monroe will go over the top for the Lord.—Mrs. Edward Lickfeldt, clerk.

Need a Soul-stirring Revival

SAMPSON, Ky.—I praise the Lord for full and free salvation and I am so glad I am a member of the great Church of God, that is founded on the Rock. Every one pray for our church here at Martins Fork, for we need a soul-stirring revival here. We are located about six miles from Sampson, Ky.—Fannie Scott.

REVIVALS

ENOREE, S. C.—In our revival here in February, about twenty-seven were saved, and sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. Pray for us here, that God will continue to bless.—Brother B. T. Sprouse, pastor.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We praise God for one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God at Chillicothe, Missouri, held in January. We believe that Brother and Sister E. H. Miles were truly God-sent to us for this revival, as He blessed their labors and, according to report, there were twenty-three saved, twelve sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and six added to the church.

Brother and Sister Miles are fine young people and God is with them. He is an excellent evangelistic preacher.

We, also appreciate the untiring efforts of the church in this revival; most of all, we wish to thank the Giver of every good gift.—Earl T. Golden, pastor.

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival here at the Church of God. There say it was the best in twenty years. About fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church.

God is blessing on every hand. He has sent us a quartet from Texas. The offerings and tithes have almost doubled since September and the crowd is getting larger every week end. We are enjoying old-time, Pentecostal salvation. Pray for us while we labor on.—J. E. Williamson, pastor.

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky.—We have just closed a good revival here at the Church of God with the pastor, W. L. Bloomfield, doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way with the Holy Ghost falling each night. We had large crowds. There were three saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The altar is still full and large crowds are still coming. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and wife. Pray for us here at Crab Orchard, that we will win many souls.—William Hiatt, clerk, Lancaster, Ky.

S. CLEVELAND, Tenn.—We have just closed the greatest revival the Church of God at South Cleveland, Tenn., has ever had. God gave us an old-time, Holy-Ghost revival. As high as seventeen were saved in one night. God's Spirit worked in a miraculous way. There would be times that the power would fall and as high as forty would come to the altar. There were seventy saved, sixty sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. The evangelist was Walter Skutar, of Pittsburgh, Pa.—Pastor, Harry Mushegan.

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn.—Through the cooperation and prayers of all the members and friends of the church, God gave us a glorious revival with Brother Joe Flowers as evangelist. Eighteen were saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. We thank Rev. Rainwater and Brother Sanders, chorister, for their financial and spiritual help. Everyone was greatly blessed.—Rolen Dunn, pastor; Ruth Dunn, reporter.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—We at Thomasville, Ga., praise God for the way He has been blessing here. Several weeks ago Brother J. W. Heaton, of Nicholls, Ga., came and preached for us two weeks. The Lord blessed our souls and the church was encouraged. Some were saved and one came into the church. Two weeks ago Brother J. W. Culpepper, of Lake Park, Ga., started a revival. The Lord blessed from the very start, in fact, He was already blessing, and my, how the power did fall. Some were healed, thirteen saved, twelve sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church.

Just a word about our Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s on the Cairo, Ga., district. Our young people in this part of the State are being blessed of the Lord. We thank the people and the Lord for helping us with our orphanage work, and we are still working. Pray for us and our work. Anyone reading this report and wanting your soul blessed, stop at service in Thomasville, Ga.—E. E. O'Neal, district Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, Cairo district, Thomasville, Ga.

Mighty Outpouring of God's Spirit at Lakeland

LAKELAND, Fla.—The most successful revival in the history of the Church of God at Lakeland, Fla., has just closed. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Colon T. Dunn, of Alabama, assisted by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Drymon.

For two weeks the church had been praying every night for an old-fashioned outpouring of God's Spirit. From the very first night the Holy Ghost swayed every service. Sometimes the audience was in tears; sometimes the entire building seemed charged with heavenly power. The Lord blessed in the song service in such a wonderful way that often the people were so anxious to get to the altar we didn't have time for a sermon, but at a word of invitation came crying, filling the altar. Eighty were saved, fifty-five sanctified, forty filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-six baptized in water, and thirty-eight added to the church.

In spite of war conditions we had record crowds. Brother Drymon says that this revival is the best he has had in his twenty-three years' experience. This blessed visitation of glorious filling, thrilling, Holy Ghost power shows that God is still on His throne and will bless those who will let Him.

We will not know until we lay our armor down and reach that beautiful city of sweet deliverance just how much has been done in this revival. We will never forget Brother Dunn in Lakeland. May God bless him and reward him for his life of consecration and obedience to the guiding hand of the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Maude Day, reporting clerk, 940 W. 11th St.

WALLACE, Idaho—We have just closed a revival here (reported in December, 1943) with Brother Ray T. Hill, our state overseer, doing the preaching. Four were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. Brother and Sister C. M. Cook, of Emmett, Idaho, were with us a few nights and did some fine singing. Thanksgiving day our new church building was dedicated. Brother Floyd Boger, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, and his family, of Sandpoint, were with us, together with other out-of-town guests. We deeply appreciate having an overseer who can give his full time to the State. He did some fine preaching here and was a real blessing to the church.—Mrs. Katherine Blom, pastor.

FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

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There is no better place for you to spend your vacation than the Wimauma camp meeting. It begins the second Tuesday in June and runs for ten days. This camp meeting is growing in interest. If it is not already America's greatest camp meeting, it is well on its way and, with the interest the great people of Florida are taking in it, we believe it will lead.

The Water of the New Birth

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point of all, the fourth and final step in support of this thesis.

FOURTH STEP

The fourth point for proof is that the Bible plainly declares that the "Word of God" is an agent in our new birth. For this proof we shall refer to 1 Peter 1:22, 23, which offers invincible support to the above proposition.

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth (Word of God) through the Spirit (Holy Ghost) . . . BEING BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed (as Nicodemus thought) but of incorruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever."

Now, fellows, it just can't be any plainer than the above. Jesus said, "Ye must be BORN AGAIN." Peter tells us that we are BORN AGAIN BY THE WORD OF GOD. In other words, the SPIRIT is not the only agent in the process of being born again. That the WORD OF GOD is also an agent is an undeniable fact, and to accept the term "water" as a reference to the "Word" is certainly no contradiction to spiritual teaching.

Just a minute, brother; perhaps a question at this time will complete the explanation. Did you get salvation separate and apart from the Word of God? Do you mean to say that you learned the story of Jesus in the complete absence of some form of the Word of God? The answers to those questions are understood, but perhaps I should quote a scripture lest I fall short of making my point clear. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom 10:14.

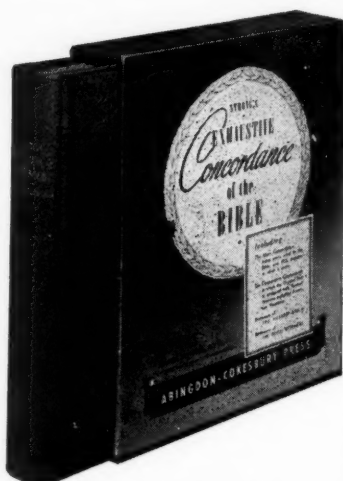
"Of course," says my critic, "I admit you have harmonized your scriptures, but really the Word is of no effect without the SPIRIT."

Hold just a minute, right where you

are! I agree that the Word is of no effect without the SPIRIT, but that works both ways. The Spirit is of no effect without the WORD. It takes them both to make you whole; without

them both you'll lose your soul.

And so said Jesus to the man Nicodemus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."



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EXPOSITION OF FIRST PETER

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grace.

There is one scripture that tells us where Christ went during His entombment. To the penitent thief He said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise"—Hades, the paradise of God, where the spirits of the departed righteous are. See here, He went to paradise, not hell, the place of torment. Neither are those in prison that are in paradise, nor are they disobedient.

A prison is a place of bondage and punishment, whether it be the prison of sin or the prison of hell. This place where Christ and the penitent thief were going was no prison. It was the place of comfort where Abraham and Lazarus was. To say what Christ did, or what He said while there, would be mere speculation.

There are so many mysteries of the state of things in the unseen world that we dare not speculate on them; but there is one thing we may all be sure of, "that it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

Wonderful Cooperation

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the good people with whom we have to work. This is a rural church, but when we ask our people to put anything over for God, we surely have cooperation. We have twenty-five members and twenty-five Evangelists coming to the Princeton church, and looking for more. (Reported in April.) We now have one hundred ninety-six Lighted Pathways coming. We are trying to represent the Church of God greater than ever before. We ran the first meeting in that community with a tent in August, 1941; the church was set in order September 7, 1941. We now have a nice new church built and all of the debts paid off. I am enjoying this year's work more than ever before.—T. B. Whitehurst.

Happy in the Lord

NAUGATUCK, W. Va.—The Lord blessed in our Sunday School and church service on Mother's Day, May 14. Praise the Lord, I feel happy in the Lord here alone with Jesus just now. The Church of God has been in Naugatuck twenty-five years and this is the first time we ever had a church house and six rooms for the pastor



ARIZONA

Bisbee, over station KSUN, Lowell, Ariz. 1230 Kc. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. H. W. Pugh, pastor.

ARKANSAS

Marked Tree, over KBTM, Jonesboro, Ark. Each Saturday from 11:00-11:30 a.m. W. E. Wright, pastor.

ALABAMA

"Church of the Air" over WSGN, 610 Kc. Every day, Monday through Saturday, at 6:30-7:00 a.m. Sunday direct from Pratt City Church of God at 9:30-10:00 a.m. Rev. C. T. Douglas and Ellis Trio.

CALIFORNIA

Hyde Park, over KGER, 1390 Kc., 5000 watt. Each Sunday from 1:00-1:30 p.m.

CANADA

Moose Jaw, over CHAB, Moose Jaw, Sask., 800 Kc. Each Sunday at 8:00 a.m.; Monday, Friday, Saturday at 9:15 a.m. M. G. McLuhan, pastor.

FLORIDA

"Radio Revival Hour," Tampa Church of God, over station WTSP, 1380 Kc. Monday through Friday at 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, 5:30 p.m. G. W. Hodges, pastor.

Coconut Grove over WFTL, Miami. Each Sunday from 8:15-8:30 a.m. L. B. Hammonds, pastor.

GEORGIA

Griffin, over WKEV. Each Sunday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. EWT. Joe M. Cleghorn, pastor. Columbus over WDAK, Columbus, 1340 Kc. Weekdays 6:45 a.m. Sundays at 7:00 a.m. (CWT) W. H. Godwin, pastor.

Brunswick, over WMOG, Brunswick. Each Sunday from 3:30-4:00 p.m. EWT. Mary Dedge, pastor. Valdosta, over WGOV, Valdosta, 1430 Kc.; WMGA, Moultrie, 1400 Kc.; WMJM Cordale, 1490 Kc. Each Sunday 3:05-4:00 p.m. EWT or 2:05-3:00 p.m. CWT. L. O. Peck, director.

KENTUCKY

Ages, over WHLN, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday at 3:30 p.m. William Richardson, pastor. Harlan, over WHLN, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wm. Richardson, pastor.

INDIANA

New Castle, over station WHBU, Anderson, Ind. Each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00. M. J. White, pastor.

ILLINOIS

Lawrenceville and Eldorado, alternately, over WEI, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Monday from 3:00-3:45 p.m. Brother and Sister King, pastor at Lawrenceville; H. N. Scoggins, pastor at Eldorado.

MARYLAND

Federick, over WFMD, Each Saturday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Rev. George Harne in charge.

MICHIGAN

N. Flint over WMPC, 1220 Kc. Each Tuesday from 5:00-5:30 p.m. W. M. Barnard, pastor. Flint over WMPC, Lapeer. Each Wednesday from 11:30-12:15 p.m. M. M. Mortenson, pastor.

MISSISSIPPI

Natchez, over station WMIS, 1490 Kc. Each Sunday from 2:05 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. C. W. Kendall, pastor.

Goodwill church, over station WROX, Clarkdale, 1430 Kc. Each Wednesday from 9:15-9:30 p.m. M. H. Muse, pastor.

MISSOURI

Independence, over station KCKM, Kansas City, Mo. Each Wednesday from 9:35-10:00 p.m. Anna Ellis, pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington, over WMFD, Wilmington, 1400 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:30-4:00 p.m. V. D. Combs, pastor.

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NEW MEXICO

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Lawton, over KSWO, Lawton, 1150 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. L. C. Pennington, pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA

Uniontown, over WMBS, 590 Kc., each Tuesday from 6:30-7:00 a.m. Revs. J. G. Hall and W. E. Tull in charge.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenwood, over WCRS, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday from 9:15-9:45 a.m. (EST) Frank L. Mueller, pastor.

Columbia, over WCOS, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Mondays through Fridays from 2:15-2:30 p.m.

Ware Shoals, over WCRS, 150 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:30-2:00 p.m. N. A. Jordan, pastor.

TENNESSEE

"Morning Thought Program," East Chattanooga, over Station WAPO, 1150 Kc. Monday through Friday 11:00-11:30 a.m. D. B. Yow, pastor.

"Word of God Program," North Chattanooga, over WAPO, 1150 Kc. Monday through Friday 4:30-4:45 p.m. A. H. Batts, pastor.

Knoxville, over WNOX, 990 Kc. Each Sunday from 9:00-9:30 a.m. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Alton Park, over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each Sunday from 6:30-7:00 a.m. J. D. Smith, pastor.

Johnson City, over WJHL, 910 Kc. Sunday from 9:30-10:00 p.m. C. C. McAfee, pastor.

Jackson, over Station WTJS, Monday through Friday, 2:15-2:30 p.m. Manuel F. Campbell in charge.

VIRGINIA

Norfolk Y.P.E., over WSAP, 1490 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. H. E. Sells, pastor.

WEST VIRGINIA

Sophia, over WJLS, Beckley. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. R. B. Underwood, pastor.

Welch district, over station WBRW, 1300 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. from courthouse at Welch. S. B. McCane, chairman of program.

Ennis, over WHTS, Bluefield, W. Va. Each Saturday from 6:30-7:00 a.m. A. W. Brummett, pastor.

Welch district, over station WBRW, 1300 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. J. K. DeGolyar, clerk.

Isager, over WBRW, Welch, 1340 Kc. Each Saturday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sister Daisy Nance, leader.

Delbarton, over WBTH, Williamson. Each Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:00. W. H. Compton, pastor.

Aracoma, "The Voice of Faith," over WLOG. Each Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

right by it. Brother H. L. Marcum has done a wonderful work for the church here, and Brother Noel has helped out, also the other saints and even the sinners. The Lord is blessing Brother Marcum in every way and I know He placed him here. What a wonderful

sermon he preached on Mother's Day. Brother Russell Hensley also preached for us. I do not think there are any of the saints but who want Brother Marcum for our pastor another year. Pray that we might get the building completed.—A sister, Angeline Fannin.

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